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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

This Amendment is being submitted in response to the Office Action dated May 21, 2002 in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 4-5 and 11-12 as follows:

Claim 1. (Amended). A method of producing an interspecific Lobelia plant, the method comprising the steps of:

crossing a Lobelia erinus with a Lobelia valida; a.

recovering the resulting F₁ hybrid interspecific Lobelia seed; b.

planting the F₁ hybrid interspecific Lobelia seed and growing into plants; and c.

selecting an interspecific Lobelia plant. d.

Claim 4. (Amended). An interspecific Lobelia plant produced by the method of claim 1 having a semi-trailing habit.

Claim 5. (Amended). The interspecific Lobelia plant of claim 4 wherein said plant is BFP-100.

Claim 11. (Amended). An interspecific Lobelia plant having a semi-trailing habit and produced by a method comprising the steps of:

- crossing a Lobelia erinus with a Lobelia valida; a.
- recovering the resulting F₁ hybrid interspecific Lobelia seed; b.
- planting the F₁ hybrid interspecific Lobelia seed and growing into plants; and c.
- selecting an interspecific Lobelia plant having a semi-trailing habit. d.

Claim 12. (Amended). The interspecific Lobelia plant of claims 11 wherein said plant is

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I hereby certify that this amendment is being hand delivered to the Commissioner of Patents, 1911 South Clark Place, Crystall Mall One, 7th Floor Receptionist Area, Arlington, Virginia 22202 on August <u>20</u>, 2002.

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